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SUBJECT: UNCTAD SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES: DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

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1. PLENARY SESSION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED UNEVENTFUL DISCUSSION SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA. CONTACT GROUP FORMED TO CONSIDER THREE RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED: FIRST, ON U.S. SCHEME, REFTEL AND PREVIOUS; SECOND ON EXTENSION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (SEPTTEL) AND THIRD ON IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, LAND-LOCKED AND LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES INTRODUCED AT SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE AND APPENDED TO THE REPORT (TD/B/C.5/L20).

2. GROUP B CONTINUING OPPOSE GENERALIZED VERSION OF RESOLUTION CRITICIZING U.S. SCHEME AND ASKING FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL. US DEL MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF GOING ALONG WITH
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RESOLUTION CHANGED ALONG LINES

REFTEL BUT SEVERAL GROUP B DELS CONTINUED OPPOSE
RESOLUTION IN PRINCIPLE BASED ON UNBALANCED NATURE OF
PRESENT VERSION AND ON EXISTANCE OF ALREADY AGREED TEXT
ON GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF SCHEMES CONTAINED IN RESO-
LUTION 2 (VI) OF THE COMMITTEE'S LAST SESSION.
WE SUPPORTING THIS APPROACH AS OUR FIRST PREFERENCE. THIS
GROUP B POSITION TAKEN IN CONTACT GROUP MEETING MORNING
JAN 14. WE CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL BY GROUP 77 UNLIKELY
AND IN THAT EVENT MAY FALL BACK TO RESOLUTION CHANGED
ALONG LINES MENTIONED IN REFTEL B.

3. IN VIEW NEGATIVE GROUP B POSITION ON THIS RESOLUTION,
MEMBERS ENDEAVORED FIND REVISED LANGUAGE FOR DRAFT
TD/B/C.5/L/20. HOWEVER, WIDE DIVERGENCE VIEWS EMERGED
REGARDING INCLUSION OF M.S.A.S. CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND
AUSTRIA ADAMANT ABOUT NOT INCLUDING MSAS AND EEC EQUALLY
ADAMANT THAT IF MSAS INCLUDED THERE WAS NO POINT IN
FURTHER CONSIDERATION SINCE PURPOSE OF THE DRAFT HAD
BEEN GUTTED. GROUP 77 APPARENTLY GIVING LOW PRIORITY
THIS RESOLUTION. FURTHER CONSIDERATION THEREFORE
DEFERRED BY GROUP B PENDING DEVELOPMENTS IN
CONTACT GROUP.

4. GROUP 77 HAS APPARENTLY SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN
ATTEMPTING TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION ON G.S.P. AND MTN BUT
THUS FAR UNABLE AGREE ON TEXT. ABRAMS

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